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## A MESSAGE

TO THE MALIHINI (STRANGER) WITHIN OUR GATES

MABEL PUTNAM CHILSON

Father of a boy, mother of a boy, do you realize the meaning of the Boy Scout movement? Do you know when you see these little fellows in khaki, tramping through the town, that they are your right hewers for the future? Do you know that every troop in Honolulu is called out for duty this week, to help the tourist as well as the old-timer?

Didn't you see them making fire in the parade—fire without matches? And didn't you think then that it might be a pretty handy thing to know, yourself, in your travels through the Alaskan snow-fields or perchance while crossing the Andes range?

The boy scouts are anxious to be called on—to make themselves useful. They are "prepared." They can stop runaway horses, and soothe babies to sleep, and tie up a cut in a fifty. They know whether it's a vein or an artery that you've torn open, and they know just what to do for each. They can "rescue" the "wrecking" at Waikiki, or make a temporary stretcher out of clothes and carry you to safety if you're ill. In fact, the scouts are prepared to live, use them.

That 400 scouts appeared on the Palace grounds Monday evening, in readiness for duty, is evidence enough that we are doing something on Oahu in the line of service. True, most scouts had a good time; but the fact remains that they were nevertheless "on duty."

If armed policemen cannot perfectly control such massed humanity as appeared at Fort and King streets, in readiness for the parade, and if they cannot stop automobiles from breaking through the line of march, truly the Boy Scouts cannot be expected to maintain control of such matters, armed as they were with merely the spirit of orderliness and with staves.

Perhaps the general public does not appreciate the fact that during this entire week every boy scout is available at some time for service to humanity—to fetch a glass of water for the thirsty mailman; to find temporary shade for the feeble kamaina who does not own an automobile but who longs to stand and view the passing show. If a tired woman with a baby on her arm, looks about for some resting place, she will find it for her.

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child on the stalwart shoulder of some ready scout. Strangers, don't be bashful about calling on the scouts for help; but remember that their honor and their inclination preclude the possibility of their accepting tips. Don't lower their pride, but merely appreciate them. Their service is for humanity. They are "prepared." If you break your arm while cranking your machine, whistle for a scout; he'll be Johnny on the spot with a bandage, and he'll find a temporary splint—don't worry.

### HOW TO FIND WATER

Scoutmaster Waldo Williams of Fort Stockton, Tex., teaches the scouts of his troop to find water in the desert by using the following methods:

In the dry, sandy bed of a water course—dig in the sand. If there is water above and below the point where you dig—say even 40 or 50 miles—you are almost sure to find water, generally from a foot to five feet deep. Example—Rio Grande between El Paso and Socorro, N. M.

In the dry bed of a mountain stream look on the downstream side of boulders and ledges for "Charcos" or wet holes, which hold water for weeks after the main stream is dry.

On the plains, trees or higher vegetation mean that water is near the surface or on the surface. But the best is "know where your next water is before you start and feel pretty sure it is there—but carry enough water to get back."

In a stock country or a country in which there is enough game to make trails you can always follow the trails to water. The main point to determine is which way is water.

The trails always fork out from the water.

In determining the direction of water watch for blind forks or trails that merely leave the main trail and return to it in a short distance.

Certain cacti contain enough water to relieve thirst. This water has an unpleasant taste, but it is wet. The prickly pear is one kind, but great care must be exercised to escape the almost microscopic spines. (I have seen thirsty cattle eat them, spines and all.) The Bisnaga (or barrel cactus) is the best type of which I know. I have got as much as a pint of fairly good water from a small cactus.

**COMPELS MILITARY TRAINING**  
CALCUTTA, India.—The announcement of a scheme of compulsory military training for India is expected shortly. The scheme as at first put into effect will apply only to Europeans and Anglo-Indians.

### BOY SCOUT BADGES FOR PROFICIENCY IN PRACTICAL THINGS

Sample Requirements. Given Here. Show Something of What Boys Learn in "Scouting."

A look at the list of subjects for proficiency in which Boy Scouts may obtain "merit badges" after they have reached the first class, shows that many of them are specially provided for boys on farms and in small towns, and virtually all can be won by any boy anywhere if he applies himself and is resourceful. Following is the complete list:

Agriculture, angling, archery, architecture, art, astronomy, athletics, automobile, aviation, bee keeping, bird study, blacksmithing, bugling, business, camping, carpentry, chemistry, civics, cycling, cooking, crafts, electricity, fireman, first aid, first aid to animals, forestry, gardening, handicraft, horsemanship, interpreting, leather working, life saving, machinery, marksmanship, masonry, music, painting, pathfinding, personal health, photography, physical development, pioneering, plumbing, poultry keeping, printing, public health, safety, first, scholarship, sculpture, seamanship, signaling, stalking, surveying, swimming, taxidermy.

Take three of these tests for illustration and we will see something of what these merit badges mean to boys—something of what scouts learn in their progress in the scout movement.

#### First Aid to Animals

To obtain a merit badge for first aid to animals, a scout must:

1. Have a general knowledge of domestic and farm animals.
2. Be able to treat a horse for colic.
3. Describe symptoms and give treatment for the following: wounds, fractures and sprains, exhaustion, choking and lameness.
4. Know what to do for horses in harness when they fall on the street.
5. Know what to do when animals are being cruelly mistreated.

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Assemblyman E. H. Miller introduced a bill for the establishment of a department of markets in New York, to consist of five commissioners, appointed by the mayor.

## Just Talks With Scouts

Conducted By Mabel Putnam Chilson

Is there necessity for "talking" with a lot of active young gentlemen who are too busy with doing to stop for mere listening? True, we'd rather talk to them than to do a lot of other things; but this week "actions speak louder than words," so we'll let it go at that, merely giving a few items about what other scouts are doing.

A letter from the scout commissioner at Hilo tells us that the scouts over there—many of them—have just been having a siege of gripe. It was so bad that no meetings could be held for a week or two. But up in Kohala the boys are most active, and are doing everything from cutting cane to setting type.

Hawii Plantation management did a fine thing for the Hooia patrol of Troop II, which met at Hooia hall—they sent the plantation truck down to Hooia every Friday night to bring the Hooia boys up, and then took them home after the scout meeting.

Three scouts of Troop II, Kohala, recently passed to first class scouts. Mr. A. A. Gordon, assistant bookkeeper of Kohala Plantation, is giving Troop III a lot of good work. He was formerly a U. S. A. noncommissioned officer, and thoroughly up on setting-up and other drills.

Several scouts of Troops III and IV went away to school at the beginning of the year. The Troop III boys, Ma-

### FIRST CLASS SCOUT REQUIREMENTS

Here are the first class scout requirements of the Boy Scouts of America:

1. Swim 50 yards.
2. Earn and deposit at least \$2 in a public bank.
3. Send and receive a message by semaphore or the international Morse alphabet, including conventional signs, 16 letters per minute.
4. Make a round trip alone (or with another scout) to a point at least seven miles away (14 miles in all), going on foot, or rowing boat, and write a satisfactory account of the trip and things observed.
5. Advanced first aid: Know the methods for panic prevention; what to do in case of fire, ice, electric and gas accidents; how to help in case of a runaway horse, mad dog, or snake bite; treatment for dislocations, unconsciousness, poisoning, fainting, apoplexy, sunstroke, heat exhaustion and freezing; know treatment for sunburn, ivy poisoning, bites and stings, nosebleed, earache, toothache, inflammation or grit in eye, cramp or stomach ache, and chills; demonstrate artificial respiration.
6. Prepare and cook satisfactorily, in the open, without regular kitchen utensils, two of the following articles as may be directed: Eggs, bacon, hunter's stew, fish, fowl, game, pancakes, hoe-cake, biscuit, hardtack or a "twist" baked on a stick; explain to another boy the methods followed.
7. Read a map correctly, and draw from field notes made on the spot an intelligible rough sketch map, indicating by their proper marks important buildings, roads, trolley lines, main landmarks, principal elevations, etc. Point out a compass direction without the help of the compass.
8. Use properly an axe for felling or trimming light timber; or produce an article of carpentry, cabinet-making, or metal work made by himself. Explain the method followed.
9. Judge distance, size, number, height and weight within 25 per cent.
10. Describe fully from observation 10 species of trees or plants, including poison ivy, by their bark, leaves, flowers, fruit, or scent; or six species of wild birds by their plumage, notes, tracks, or habits; or six species of native wild animals by their form, color, call, tracks or habits; find the North star, and name and describe at least three constellations of stars.
11. Furnish satisfactory evidence that he has put into practice in his daily life the principles of the scout oath and law.
12. Enlist a boy trained by himself in the requirements of a tenderfoot. Merit Badges Follow

Kapala, are in Lahaina. Thos. K. Nahiwa, scoutmaster, is doubly proud of them as he was their school principal as well as scoutmaster. One of the patrol leaders of Troop II is in the Hilo Boarding school.

Kohala scouts and scoutmasters hope that the project to have a scout expect give his whole time to developing the work in Hawaii, will go through. The inspiration of such visits are much needed in Kohala. Recent Scout Commissioner John F. O'Brien was a wonder in handling boys. Mr. O'Brien had the honor, we believe, of organizing the first troop of Boy Scouts in Buffalo, N. Y., where he had a large troop.

Hanson also appealed to the league for its moral support of the Boy Scout movement on the basis of its service program. "It is a fundamental law in scouting," he said, "that a boy scout must never fail to show a spirit of chivalry toward women and girls, protection of the weak and consideration for the aged. The women of San Francisco may encourage this effort by showing adequate appreciation of any service rendered by the Boy Scouts."

Over in San Francisco and while speaking before the young women of the junior league recently, Raymond O. Hansen, scout executive for the Boy Scouts of America, emphasized the vocational training aspect of the Boy Scout movement.

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Then, a full-fledged scout, the boy finds open to him an additional field of interest which will be of even greater attractiveness—for with the knowledge already gained in scoutcraft he can earn merit badges, which develop the special talents of the scout.

### AGRICULTURE

To obtain a merit badge for agriculture a scout must:

1. Explain the nature of soil, its texture, its need of water, of air, and of plant and animal life; what the soil does for the plant, and how the soil may be improved.
2. Make a seed tester and test the germination of three chosen varieties of seed—100 seeds of each variety.
3. Identify and describe 10 common weeds of the community and tell how best to eliminate them.
4. Identify six common insect pests, tell what plants they usually infest and how best to control them.
5. Have a practical knowledge, for his locality, of plowing, cultivating, harrowing, disking, draining and harvesting, and the purposes of each. Describe also the farm implements used in each case.
6. Tell how plants are propagated—by seeds, roots, cuttings, tubers, buds and grafts. Explain where plants get their food and how they grow.
7. Explain how to read a weather map, know weather signals, and the making of local observations.
8. Name and distinguish 10 common birds of his locality and state their value to the farmer.

The merit badges are worn on the right sleeve only, in rows of not more than three each; sometimes they are sewed on a false half-sleeve that may be fastened by hooks or snaps and worn only on special occasions.

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